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E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJECT: UN ADMINISTRATION- USE OF GERMAN LANGUAGE IN UN

REF: USUN 4003; STATE 245131

1. IN WEO MEETING NOVEMBER 21, FRG REP (SCHMIDT) ANNOUNCED THAT FRG, GDR, AND GOA SUBMITTED LETTER LAST WEEK TO SYG INDICATING THAT THREE GOVERNMENTS AGREED TO COVER TOTAL COSTS" UNTIL FURTHER NOTICE" FOR TRANSLATION OF SOME UN DOCUMENTS INTO GERMAN LANGUAGE. SCHMIDT ADDED THAT "IF CIRCUMSTANCES SHOULD CHANGE" THREE GOVERNMENTS MIGHT WISH TO RAISE QUESTION OF REIMBURSEMENT AT SOME TIME IN FUTURE BUT HE ASSURED WEO GROUP THAT IDEA WAS TO CONTINUE FULL REIMBURSEMENT BEYOND INITIAL THREE YEARS.

2. BASED ON OUR INSTRUCTIONS, MOST RECENTLY REITERATED IN STATE 245131, USUN ASSUMES THAT WE COULD SUPPORT IN PRINCIPLE GERMAN INITIATIVE. HOWEVER, SINCE OUR POLICY IS TO OPPOSE LANGUAGE PROLIFERATION IN UN(WE CONTINUE TO PICK UP SIGNALS
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THAT OTHER LANGUAGES ARE LIKELY TO FOLLOW GERMAN),. WE BELIEVE

BEST TACTIC IS TO ATTEMPT TO DEFER ITEM UNTIL 30TH SESSION OF
GA, WITH OUR WORKING DISCREETLY TO THIS END. DEFERRAL IS
BEING TALKED ABOUT BY NUMBER OF DELS FROM ALL REGIONAL GROUPS
ON BASIS THAT WORKLOAD OF FIFTH COMMITTEE IS OVERLOADED AND THUS
IT WILL BE IMPOSSIBLE TO CONSIDER ALL ITEMS ASSIGNED TO COMMITTEE
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